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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Group Art Unit 2853, Expedited Procedure

In re Application of:

Docket No. 03500.015739.

NOBUYUKI MATSUMOTO ET AL.

Application No.: 09/944,137

Examiner: L. S. Nguyen

Filed: September 4, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2853

For: LIQUID DISCHARGE HEAD,
LIQUID DISCHARGE APPARATUS,
VALVE PROTECTION METHOD OF
THE SAME LIQUID DISCHARGE
HEAD AND MAINTENANCE SYSTEM

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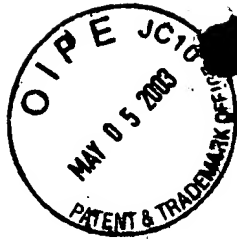
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2003, please amend the
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¹ / Applicants note that April 27, 2003 was a Sunday, thus no extension fee is required.

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The amendments to the claims begin at page 3; and the remarks begin at page 6.